

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 934

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the faculty and staff at Fort Sanders Educational Development Center for meritorious service to the children of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education and care for Tennessee's youngest students, many of whom have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, one such group of estimable educators, who have distinguished themselves as professionals of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity is the faculty and staff at Fort Sanders Educational Development Center; and

WHEREAS, the devoted crew at Fort Sanders School share a deep commitment to providing a safe, positive, and nurturing learning environment for all students in their care, a vast majority of whom are eligible to receive special education services; and

WHEREAS, the school primarily serves preschool age children throughout Knox County who suffer a variety of impairments, including mental retardation, autism, speech and language impairments, physical impairments, hearing and vision impairments, and a wide variety of syndromes; and

WHEREAS, in striving to meet each student's individual needs, the faculty and staff at Fort Sanders School have served with acumen and alacrity to develop a collaborative relationship with the student's family, while laying the foundations of essential life skills and challenging their pupils to achieve their highest quality of life; and

WHEREAS, under the capable leadership and wise tutelage of Principal Robert W. Hammond, the faculty and staff at Fort Sanders Educational Development Center have worked assiduously to motivate their students to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, this talented and compassionate group of professionals include: teachers, Sarah Dexter, Cathy Davis, Kim Seebach, Lynette Kegley, Connie Mitchell, Renee LeMoine, Nicole Morton, Linda Gose, Caroline Hill, Elaine Hurst, Amy Levy, Carolyn Brown, Kimberly Long, Debbie Lindsey, Kim Mayes, Sheryl Jones, and Catherine Marshall; teaching assistants, Kelliegh Guydon, Shelia Mayes, Rebecca Tanner, Katrice Davis, Merry Brown, Cecilia Garland, Mike Hale, Melissa Allen, Rosella Winton, Sandra Hall, Cindy Glenn, Teresa Johnson, Donna Talley, Gypsi Bates, Dee Rohloff, Janie Powell, Debra Taylor, Briane Williams, Lisa Sherrod, Kendra Tate, Courtney Archer, Judith Carr, Kay Fawver, Meri Power, Marsha Smart, and Elizabeth Redheffer; ABA teachers, Peggy Amin, Lisa Hudgins, and Martha Iroff; ABA instructional assistants, Rainna Boxx, Cindy Smith, and Shelly Rysak; social worker, Kim Stooksbury; music teacher, Ashley Gallik; adaptive physical education, Donna Brasfield; nurse, Donna McMillan; hearing, Marsha Powers and Rhea Shaver; pre-school consultant, Chlotia Bordes; Child Find department personnel, Judy Miller, Kelly Covington, Megan Ferguson, Angela Moore, Tammy Beckner, Missy Carpenter, Beth Morgenegg, Teresa Catignani, Debra Earling, Heather Stewart, and Lauren Mitchell; occupational therapists, Sharon Griffith, Jennifer Sullivan, Sandy Baugh, physical therapists, Leslie Paul and Emily Delozier; speech and language therapists, Ann Jennings, Mary Robbins, and Jill Adlin; vision teachers, Diana Wilder, Linda Martin, and Marsha Usleton; cafeteria worker, Connie Ramsey; office staff, Bob Hammond and Yvonne Looney; and custodians, Fred Johnson, Don Fritz, and Terrence Andrews; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff at the Fort Sanders Educational Development Center truly epitomize the ideal of dedicated administrators, teachers, and citizens who are wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the faculty and staff at the Fort Sanders Educational Development Center upon their exceptional service to the children of Tennessee,

as we salute their professional expertise and personal excellence and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.